REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 and 6-20 have been conditionally allowed but stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 12, 13, 15, and 16 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application based on the above amendments and the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTIONS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 6-20 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to claim and particularly point out the subject matter deemed the invention. The Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 12, 13, 15, and 16 and, therefore, believe that, the grounds for rejection are moot.

If for any reason a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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